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1. (Internal Use Only - LLM) Called Clark McFadden, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, to alert him to Jack Anderson's article in today's Washington Post concerning Senator Baker's, Vice Chairman, Select Committee on Presidential Campaign Activities, investigation of CIA. I also told him of Senator McClellan's letter to Senator Ervin concerning the transcripts of Agency witnesses and in response to his question explained to McFadden that McClellan had sent Appropriation Committee transcripts of Agency witnesses who appeared in May 1973 to Senator Ervin for the Select Committee's use and a request to advise McClellan of any developments uncovered by the Select Committee which fell into the oversight responsibility of the Appropriations Committee. McFadden was thankful we were keeping him up-to-date and said he was still very busy on the military surveillance hearings.

2. (Internal Use Only - LLM) Called Jim Oliver, International Division, OMB, in line with our understanding of keeping them apprised of certain legislation developments and reviewed with him the Agency's position on the foreign elections bill (S. 2239), the Ervin bill (S. 1688), the amendment to the Freedom of Information Act (H.R. 12471) and the age discrimination rider on the Fair Labor Standards Act amendments (H.R. 12435). I observed that our concern with respect to this legislation would appear to be shared by a number of Federal agencies but that often we are the only ones who appear to be registering concern and attempting to remedy the situation, which is difficult for us to do because it just is not tenable for us to get out in front on such legislation. Oliver said he welcomes our views and believes he could be helpful to us within OMB and asked that we send him whatever papers we had on the subjects discussed.

We also discussed the status of our retirement funding proposal and it is quite obvious that Oliver is interested in the possibility of some type of merger of our fund with the Civil Service retirement fund which would (1) eliminate the need for funding legislation, and (2) would reduce costs in the intelligence budget. Oliver is going to take informal soundings concerning the receptiveness of the Commission to such a possibility.